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ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Against the

Rebels in Scotland,

Since the Arrival of his Grace

Duke of Monmouth.

In a LETTER to a Person of Quality
From *EDENBOROUGH*

Dated the 19th of this Instant Year, 1674

With the Addition of a

New Declaration,

Published by the Rebels.

SIR,

His Grace the Duke of Monmouth, arrived at *Eden-*
burgh on the 18th instant, and was very honour-
ably entertained, his presence giving much ad-
vantage and satisfaction to all his Majesty's good
Subjects in these parts, who expressed themselves in loud
Shouts and Acclamations all this way as he passed in the City.
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He was immediately received into the Privy Council; and having seriously inquired into the present posture of Affairs, and consulted thereupon, being resolved vigorously to enter into Action, he begged no time, but this day hastened to the Kings Host, who were marched away before on *Tuesday*, and lay encamped at *Blackburn*, where he is now at the head of them Commander in chief.

They are very near Fourteen thousand strong, all well appointed, and full of Resolution and Zeal to serve his Majesty, and within a day or two will be much Encreased in number, if there shall be occasion for the same: for these Forces are onely those which come from the *South*, the *West* having never been employed, and those of the *North* are not yet come up; though from thence we may be confident of considerable Strength: For those parts are intirely dutiful to the King, not one place in all the Northern Shires having ever been infected with Fanaticism of any sort.

The Rebels are about *Hambleton*, but we have not exact Account of their Numbers: onely we have advice, That *Wells*, the eminent, turbulent, and seditious Preacher, has lately joyned their Main body, with Three hundred men brought in by him; and that one *Spurl* a quondam Clerk of the Council under *Cromwel*, is President of their Committee, and a great Oracle amongst them. This man having for his Ill behaviour formerly been taken into custody, was suffered by the Council, not long since, to return home, upon his Parol, and solemn Engagement to live peaceably: And yet was scarce any sooner at home, but he began to foment Sedition, and is now thus become a prime Ring-leader amongst the Rebels. And indeed we have little reason to expect any sincerity in the Promises of such men as make no Conscience of the Obligations of Loyalty. And by such their Indulgence to him, it appears how little severe the Council was in their Proceedings; and how ready to trust any person that would peaceably demean themselves; they having never punished any man for his Opinion, but suffered every thing which these men could call Religion, except going to the Field - Conventicles

in Arms, and suchlike insufferable Insolencies. Nor hath there been Fifty pounds Sterling exacted in Fines for House-Conventicles these three years; so false are all Reports of that nature suggested abroad, and onely coyned to make the Government odious, and colour Religion.

'Tis plain, this designe has for some time been hatching; for *Cameron*, one of the Rebels, was privately employed to go over into *Holland* to buy Arms, and from thence they were furnished; during his being there, he preached at *Rotterdam*, and declared that it was a pious thing to kill the Prelates, and highly pleasing to God.

They commit strange Insolencies and Barbarities, wherever they come. At *Gliscow*, a Butcher when they first attempted that City, & were beat off, having shot one of them, they have since taken him, and by a Court-Martial of their own, Condemned and shot him to Death for the same, though what he did was fairly, as he was a Souldier under command. They have likewise taken down the heads of the Rebels who were Justly Executed for the Rebellion in the year 1666, and have borne them in great State within the Cathedral Church of *Gliscow*. And very lately they have emitted an impudent Declaration, wherein they publish their demands, the chief of which are these, *vn.*

That they would have a Parliament wherein there should not be any Noble-man; and a General Assembly wherein no Bishop or nobly'd Minister should be admitted.

By which extravagant Devices, you may guess at the Quality of the men, and their Principles: for in truth there is not a man Five pounds Sterling *per annum* appears as for them; but they freely entertain Bankrupts and Malefactors, and yet pretend highly to Religion, though much divided in their own notions.

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They have not of late increased their numbers, but rather wadded away; and the Gentry in general throughout the Land, appear very vigorous for the King's Service. We are now ready to advance towards them; and do not doubt, by God's Blessing, to give a good account of them very shortly, though the common opinion is, they will scatter themselves before we can get up to them. As soon as any Account happens, be assured, you shall have it; in the mean time accept my service, and continue me in your prayers, &c.